

of the northern pakuthies and the work for the single Magistrate was more than he was able to cope with. At Parassala, there were a Munsiff's Court, a Magistrate's Court and a Police Station, all of which were now removed. It was therefore necessary to re-establish the Stationary Magistrate's Court at Parassala to ensure the safety of the place.

Dewan's reply.—Parassala is only 6 miles from Neyyattinkara. Government do not see sufficient reasons to establish a separate Magistrate's Court at Parassala.

41. Some urgent needs of the Chirayinkil taluk.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar (Member, Chirayinkil taluk) said that he would first speak of the necessity for a First Class Magistrate's Court at Attungal. The present arrangement of a Tahsildar-Magistrate at Attungal and a Stationary Second Class Magistrate at Varkala did not work satisfactorily. Both courts were not centrally situated in respect of the pakuthies over which they had jurisdiction. The Member therefore requested that either the Tahsildar-Magistrate should be invested with first class powers or a re-distribution of the territorial jurisdiction of the two Magistrates should be made.

(2) The bar across the Attungal river near Anjengo, called Muthalapozhi, should be cut open when required by the people through the agency of the Agricultural Department in the interests of the ryots of the Sarkara and Azhur pakuthies. The Public Works Department now cut it open at fixed times independently of the floods in the river.

(3) A fish-curing yard should be opened at Perumathurai or anywhere near Anjengo. The volume of trade in fish in those places was bound to improve with the establishment of a fish-curing yard.

(4) A manure depot should be opened at Mamom in Attungal. There was a cattle market at the place recently opened by the local Town Improvement Committee and the manure there could also be utilized thereby. There was also a Veterinary officer at that place. The cost of opening a manure depot would therefore be only very small.

(5) Grazing grounds for cattle should be reserved at Attungal. The people were prepared to render any support in the matter. The Tahsildar and the local Town Improvement Committee might be asked to report on the necessity for grazing grounds in the town.

(6) A Government or grant-in-aid technical school giving instruction for the diplomas in agriculture, commerce, carpentry, weaving, surveying and levelling, and pottery, should be established at Attungal. There was already a grant-in-aid weaving institute there. The survey school at Nedumangad might be shifted to Attungal. The Member requested that a committee, consisting of the Director of Agriculture, the Superintendent of the School of Arts and the Chirayinkil Tahsildar, might be appointed to report on the question.

(7) Three more large temporary sheds for the new Higher Grade Secondary School at Attungal should be constructed before the end of the year in the interests thereof education.

(8) The Member also prayed that a paid stamp-vendor should be appointed at the taluk treasury. The people now found great difficulty in obtaining stamps. The treasury would issue stamps only once a week, and for about four days in every week, no stamps would be available, though there were about 13 men selling stamps. The man had only to be paid Rs. 30 or Rs. 40, against the 3 per cent discount on a sale of Rs. 60,000 worth of stamps in a year.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

42. Necessity for divesting the Tahsildar-Magistrate of Shencottah of his revenue functions and investing him with the power to dispose of appeals from the local Sub-Magistrate.

Mr. B. Aunda Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Shencottah) said that the same officer had to attend to civil, revenue and magisterial work in Shencottah, besides the work of the President of the local Town Improvement Committee. He had to go on circuit-